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SUBJECT: IRAQI CENSUS

1. THE CHIEF OF THE IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION MENTIONED RECENTLY THAT, AS PART OF THE NATIONAL IRAQI CENSUS, HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REGISTER IRAQI CITIZENS LIVING IN THE U.S. HE SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS SUGGESTING THAT IRAQI CITIZENS REGISTER WITH THE INTERESTS SECTION, HE WANTED TO ESTABLISH CENSUS CENTERS TO SEEK OUT IRAQI CITIZENS. HE ASKED OUR VIEWS.

2. WE INFORMED HIM THAT, AMONG OTHER OBJECTIONS, SETTING UP CENSUS CENTERS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE UNDER ARTICLE 5 (M) OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS. WE ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT WE WOULD TOLERATE NO HARASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION OF ANY U.S. CITIZENS--WHETHER OR NOT IRAQ REGARDED NATURALIZED IRAQIS AS RETAINING IRAQI CITIZENSHIP--
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AND WOULD TOLERATE NO HARASSMENT OR INTIMIDATION OF IRAQIS INCLUDING IRAQI KURDS, WHATEVER THEIR CITIZENSHIP, WHO HAD FOUND REFUGE OR ASYLUM IN THE U.S.

3. FYI. THE IRAQI OFFICIAL VIRTUALLY ADMITTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS HOPING TO UNCOVER INFORMATION ABOUT KURDS AND OTHER IRAQI DISSIDENTS. END FYI.

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